

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The education of our children and youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and,

*Whereas*, Local school board members believe all children can learn and are committed to improving the achievement level of every child; and,

*Whereas*, Locally-elected school boards play important leadership roles in a representative democracy; and,

*Whereas*, Decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in South Dakota's public schools; and,

*Whereas*, The leadership of school boards sets the direction and tone for our public schools while keeping attention focused on improving student achievement; and,

*Whereas*, More than 880 local school board members across South Dakota demonstrate their dedication to education through the grassroots exercise of democracy; and,

*Whereas*, School Board Recognition Week provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the hundreds of men and women who serve as the leadership team championing the cause of public education and the schools in the communities they serve:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 10-16, 2011, as

### *SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK*

in South Dakota, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize their dedicated school board members.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State